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FACT SHEET

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BLACK RIVER WETLANDS, LORAIN, OH

Regional Sediment Management - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Located on Lake Erie in the City of Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio

Project Description

- This authority evaluates the use of dredged material from new or existing Federal projects to protect, restore, or create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands; to reduce storm damage to property, in connection with dredging for construction, operation, or maintenance of an authorized navigation project
- This project will create spawning habitat for Walleye and other fish species. acres of submerged aquatic habitat
- Feasibility phase is 100% funded with Federal capital. Design and Implementation phase is cost-shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal

Importance

- Create 14 acres of optimal spawning habitat for walleye and other Great Lakes fish species, including smallmouth bass, white sucker, and perch.
- Restore historic spawning grounds, specifically expansive gravel/cobbles shoals, that once existed at the mouths of the tributaries to Lake Erie prior to the construction of Federal harbors and shoreline development

Consequence

- Spawning habitat for Walleye and other native species would remain scarce.
- Other aquatic organism that are critical inputs to the lifecycle of native fish would remain limited.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Feasibility	\$890,000	\$785,000	\$105,000	-	\$0	-

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Letter of Intent submitted by City of Lorain dated 03 December 2020.

Congressional Interests

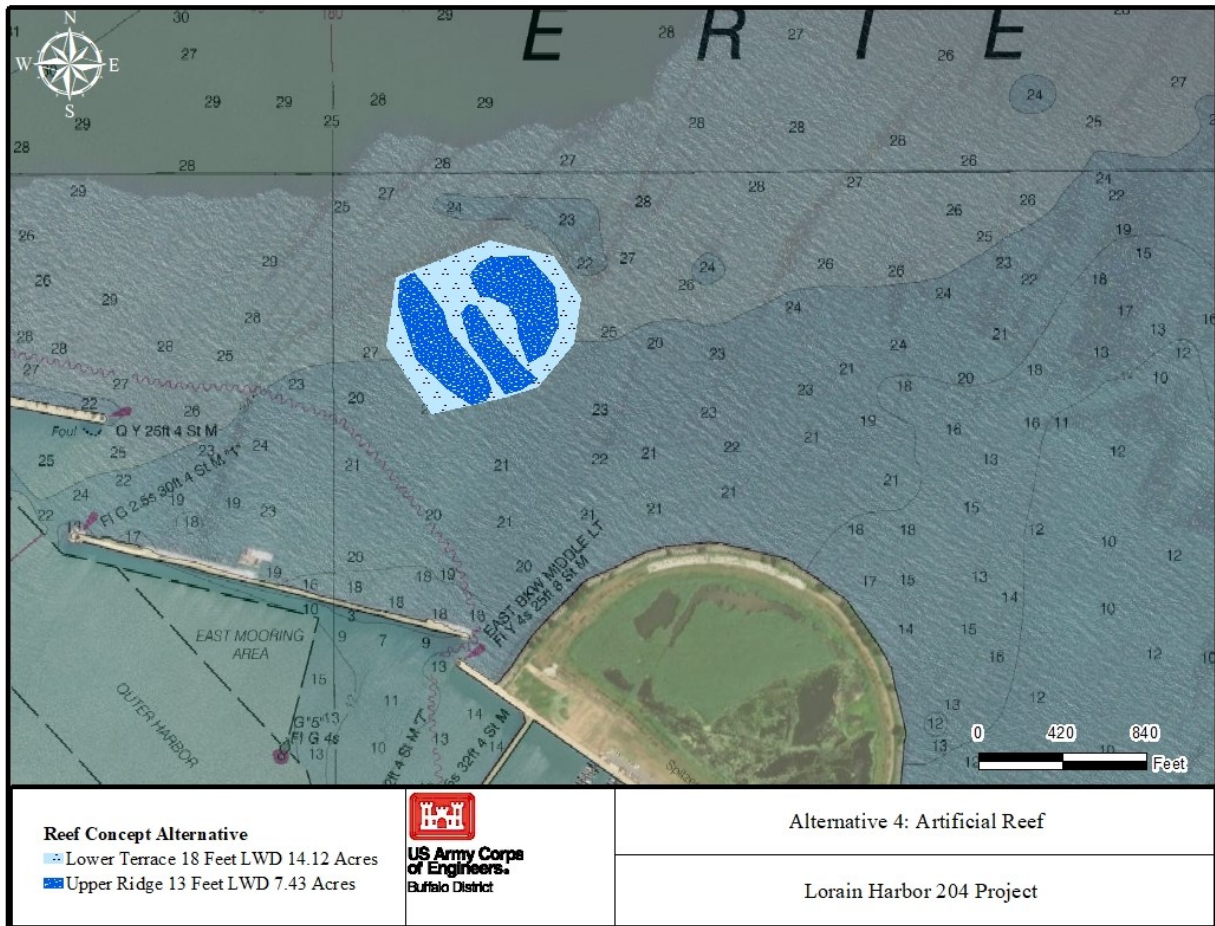
- Representative Marcy Kaptur R-OH-9
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH

Current Status

- PDT identified a recommended plan for the project in September 2021.
- Draft report will be ready for review by February 2022.
- Study is on track for completion in October 2022.

Issues

- None.



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